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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.16

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Title: **A SYSTEM FOR METERING PERMIT MAIL**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Patent Office Action dated March 20, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

9. (Twice Amended) A system for metering permit mail, [wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink,] said system comprising:

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or within the vicinity of the postal indicia wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink.

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